

Preamble. Elias Topliff, then being School Fund Commissioner of Alamakee county, contracted with and sold to Elias Topliff certain lands, being a part of the 500,000 acres granted and selected as school lands ; and

Whereas, The said Topliff paid the interest upon said contracts to the time of his death ; and

Whereas, Since his death said administrators have paid the full amount due upon each of said contracts, as fully appears by the certificates of the Clerk of the District Court of said county ; and

Whereas, The Register of the State Land office entertains doubts as to the authority of said Topliff, as such School Fund Commissioner, to sell said lands to himself as aforesaid. Therefore,

Certain acts declared valid.

Governor and Register required to convey certain school lands, &c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the aforesaid official acts of Elias Topliff, late School Fund Commissioner of Alamakee county, are, and that the same are hereby made and declared legal and valid, and that the Governor and the Register of the State Land office are authorized and required to convey, by patent, to the administrators or to the assignees of said Topliff, the aforesaid school lands, upon presentation to said Register of a certificate of the Clerk of the District Court of the proper county, certifying that the principal and the interest accruing thereon has been paid in full by said assignees or administrators.

Approved March 9th, 1866.

CHAPTER 24.

EARNINGS OF MARRIED WOMEN.

AN ACT to protect the earnings of Married Women.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the separate earnings of any married woman, whose husband, through idleness, intemperance, mental or bodily infirmity, imprisonment or involuntary absence, does not support and provide for the family, or who has deserted his wife, shall be held and possessed by her, in her own right, exempt from liability for the debts of her husband, and from any right or claim thereto set up by him, adverse to that of the wife ; but such earnings are liable for the

Separate earnings of the wife exempt—when. Not support the family. Not liable for husband's debts.

When liable.

separate contracts of the wife, and for family expenses and the education of the children; *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall interfere with any homestead right which she may possess, or be so construed as to prevent her from claiming the benefit of Sections No. 3304, 3305 and 3307, of the Revision of 1860.

SEC. 2. Property, purchased by the wife, with such earnings, is also exempt from the husband's debts and control, to the same extent as the earnings of the wife.

SEC. 3. It shall not be necessary for the wife to file or record any notice of her claim with the Recorder of deeds or elsewhere, in order that she, or her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, may obtain the benefits of the provisions of this Act.

Approved March 12th, 1866.

CHAPTER 25.

AMENDING ACT TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RELATION TO RELIEF FUND.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 89, of the Acts of the Tenth General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the relief of the families of Soldiers and Mariners in the service of the United States.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Board of Supervisors, in each of the counties in this State, may, at their regular meetings in June, 1866, or at any meeting thereafter, transfer so much of the relief fund, of their respective counties, as is not needed for the purposes, for which the same was levied, to any other county fund, which they may elect, and the same shall be paid out, as the Board of Supervisors of each county may direct.

SEC. 2. That in counties where the relief fund is not sufficient to meet the demands upon the same, the Board of Supervisors may levy, for the years 1866 and 1867, a tax of not more than one mill on the dollar, upon the taxable property in their county, for the purpose of increasing said relief fund.

SEC. 3. All moneys, raised under the provisions of this Act, belonging to the relief fund, shall be expended under the provisions of the Act to which this is amendatory.